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APPROVAL OF FINAL INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION REPORT, AREA OF CONCERN  
169 – DEFENSE REUTILIZATION AND MARKETING OFFICE SCRAP YARD,  
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE (VAFB), CALIFORNIA

Dear Ms. Kephart:

This letter transmits the approval of the State (California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)) of the subject document, dated May 2005 and prepared by Montgomery Watson Harza on behalf of the Air Force.

Area of Concern 169 (AOC-169) is located on Utah Avenue on the south side of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) scrap yard. The DRMO receives reusable or recyclable materials such as vehicles, construction equipment, furniture, scrap metal, etc. from VAFB and other government entities located in the California Central Coast region. Site characterization results indicated that AOC-169 soil was contaminated with total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and metals. During this interim remedial action (IRA), soil containing PCBs and PAHs at concentrations above the residential soil preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) and TPHs above the 100mg/kg action level established by the RWQCB was removed from the site. Soil containing metals above residential soil PRGs or Background Threshold Values (BTVs) was also removed. Field work started in July 2004 and was completed after two months.


Based on our review of the final report, the State is satisfied that its comments, provided in the May 13, 2005 letter on the February 2005 draft report, have been adequately incorporated into this final report. As a result, the State has no further comments and hereby approves the report as written.

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Since this IRA has successfully removed the contaminated soil, AOC-169 is now deemed suitable for unrestricted use. Consequently, the State concurs with the Air Force's recommendation of no further action (NFA) and closure for this AOC. The final remedy of no further action for this AOC must be documented in the basewide AOC NFA remedial action plan (RAP).

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Quang Than of DTSC at (714) 484-5352 or Carol Kolb of the RWQCB at (805) 542-4625.

Sincerely,



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